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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The expected has happened. The republicans of the tariff conference committee have agreed to cut out the Senate sugar schedule and insert the House schedule with several changes of course, in the interest of the sugar trust. The result is just as I stated it would be. It is heralded as a defeat of the sugar trust, and the agents of the trust are doing their best to look disappointed, while they are entirely satisfied, as the amended Dingley schedule gives them a little more than they expected to get, although, of course, not every thing they wanted; they want the earth and the fulness thereof. Now that the farcical fight in conference has been concluded, there is very little doubt that the Conference report will be accepted and the bill sent to Mr. McKinley during the present week. There may be a little delay in reaching a vote on the report in the Senate, as a number of Senators wish to express their opinion of several bunco schemes which were worked in the conference, notably the restoration of the \$2 duty on white pine lumber, which will put a tax of something like \$40,000,000 on the people for the benefit of the white pine combine, and the replacing of cotton ties and bagging on the dutiable list.

Mr. Terrence V. Powderly, the ex-labor leader, has received his reward for making McKinley campaign speeches last year, by having his nomination to be Commissioner General of Immigration sent to the Senate. Terrence was on the anxious bench for quite awhile, and in fact he had a very close call, owing to the opposition of the labor organizations to his appointment.

"Why doesn't John Sherman resign?" asked one Ohio man of another, after he had been listening to some of the current talk about the manner in which the old gentleman is slighted and humiliated by Mr. McKinley. That question has become one of the conundrums of the day and it has been discussed more frequently since the publication of the instructions given to Ambassador Hay, concerning the Seal Fisheries negotiation. Although those instructions were signed "Sherman," there are few that believe that Secretary Sherman wrote them, and some who openly express a doubt as to whether he ever even saw them previous to their publication. There is nothing objectionable from an American point of view in the facts upon which those instructions are based, but the language is not that which one who has been so long connected with things diplomatic as Mr. Sherman has been, by reason of his service on the Senate Foreign Committee, would be apt to use. One gentleman whose long and close intercourse

with Mr. Sherman has made him thoroughly familiar with his style of expressing himself said: "I will stake my existence that Mr. Sherman neither wrote nor give any opportunity to edit those instructions; also that he knew nothing of the intention to have them published." In view of this sort of talk, is it any wonder that men are asking why Sherman doesn't resign? Assistant Secretary Day has had charge of all Cuban and Spanish matters ever since he came to Washington, and he is the man credited with having written the Hay instructions; also the man slated to be Secretary of State after the Ohio election, when it is believed to be the intention to use pressure to force Sherman out of the Cabinet. Mr. Sherman isn't the sort of man to have made warm friends, but he has well-wishers who would like to see him upset the McKinley-Hanna-Day arrangement by resigning now and telling why. But official title is dear to Mr. Sherman.

What has the Carnegie Armor Plate Trust done to the Senate? While the democrats are glad to see even one trust hit, to limit the cost of armor plate to \$300 a ton and Senators to inform members of the House that it was useless to add a cent to that limit, because the Senate had fully determined that no more should be paid. Republicans friendly to the Carnegie trust made a hard fight for an increase in the House, but failed, and the trust will have to make armor for that price, or wait until Congress authorizes the payment of more. Mr. Carnegie should apply to the sugar trust for pointers on how to manage Congress. Jerry Simpson says that Carnegie is being punished because of his lack of liberality in contributing to Hanna's corruption fund in the last campaign.

Hon. C. B. Bush, president of the Gilmer County (W. Va.) Court, says that he has had three cases of flux in his family, during the past summer, which he cured in less than a week with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Mr. Bush also states, that in some instances there were twenty hemorrhages a day.—Glenville, W. Va., *Pathfinder*. This remedy has been used in nine epidemics of flux and one of cholera, with perfect success. It can always be depended upon for bowel complaint, even in its most severe forms. Every family should keep it at hand. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. B. Blackburn.

Monroe Enquirer: A gentleman in Jackson township has a clock which is a true barometer and foretells rain more accurately than the oldest weather prophet. Before a rain the strokes of the clock become very indistinct and can scarcely be heard. In dry weather the strokes are very clear and distinct.

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**The Gold in Alaska.**  
Washington, July.—Dr. Wm. T. Dall, one of the curators of the National Museum, is familiar with the country, in which the Klondike gold fields are located through having been on several geological expeditions to the region in Alaska adjoining the gold district and says that in his opinion the reports from there probably are not exaggerated. He said:

"When I was there I did not find gold, but knew of it being taken out in profitable quantities for 15 years or more. It was first discovered there in 1866. In 1880, when I was up in that country, my last trip having been made two years, the party of prospectors, who make mining a profit, started out. The gold is found on the various tributaries of the Yukon and I have been within a comparatively short distance of the Klondike fields. I made one trip to Circle City, just over the boundary of Canada.

"The gold bearing belt in northwestern America contains all gold fields extending into British Columbia, what is known as the northwestern territory and Alaska. The Yukon really runs along in that belt for 500 or 600 miles. The bed of the main river is in the low land of the valley.

"The yellow metal is not found in paying quantities in the main river, but in the small streams which cut through the mountains on either side. These practically wash out the gold. The mud and mineral matter is carried into the main river, while the gold is left on the rough bottoms of these side streams. In most cases the gold lies at the bottom of the thick gravel deposits. The gold is covered by frozen gravel in the winter. During the summer, until the snow is all melted, the surface is covered by muddy torrents. When the snow is melted and the springs begin to freeze, the streams dry up. At the approach of winter, in order to get the gold, the miners find it necessary to dig into the gravel formation.

"Formerly they stripped the gravel off, until they came to the gold. Now they sink a shaft to the bottom of the gravel and tunnel along underneath, in the gold bearing layer. The way this is done is interesting as it has to be carried on in cold weather when everything is frozen. The miners build fires over the area where they wish to work and keep these lighted over that territory for the space of about 24 hours. At the expiration of this period the gravel will be melted and softened to a depth of perhaps six inches. This is then taken off and other fires are built until the gold bearing layer is reached. When the shaft is down that far fires are built at the bottom, against the sides of the layer, and tunnels made in this manner. Blasting would do

no good, on account of the hard nature of the material, and would blow out just as out of a gun. The matter taken out containing the gold is piled up until spring, when the torrents come down and is panned and carted by these. It is certainly very hard labor.

"I see many reasons why the gold fields should be particularly rich. The streams which cut through the mountains have probably done so for centuries, wearing them down several hundred feet and washing out the gold into the beds and gravel.

"It is a country in which it is very hard to find food; as there is practically no game. Before the whites went into that region there were not more than 300 natives. They have hard work to support themselves, on account of the scarcity of game."

During a former earthquake that shook the State a colored parson was praying in a southwest Georgia revival meeting. He said:

"O Lawd, come down en shake Jesesinners up! Lawd, ketch hold er dem en shake 'em twell dey hollars!"

Just then the earth trembled, the building rocked, and the kerosene lamp tipped over and was shattered on the floor. The parson lifted his eyes to the reeling roof and continued:

"Dar, Lawd; dat'll do now. Dis here building's mighty shacklin'!"

A man in Virginia, rode forty miles, to Fairfax Station, for the express purpose of getting Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and took home with him, a dozen bottles of the medicine. The druggist who retails the incident, adds: "Your remedy seems to be a general favorite wherever known." Its effects are indeed wonderful in all lung and throat troubles. Procure a bottle at M. B. Blackburn's.

Monroe Enquirer. Mr. J. T. Bass, who lives near Marshville, reports that he heard one of his young chickens squalling in his backyard, a few days ago, and that he ran out, thinking that a hawk was after his chickens. To his great surprise he found a large spider was biting a young chicken on the neck. The chicken was larger than a partridge and died in a few minutes after the spider bit it. Strange to say another chicken swallowed the spider and is living and doing well.

Johnson City, Tenn., July. Thomas B. Turley, of Memphis has been appointed to succeed Isham G. Harris in the Senate of the United States. The selection of Turley is taken as indication that Governor Taylor will be in the race for United States Senator when the election comes off.

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## Banner Elk as a Summer Resort.

Editor Democrat.

Banner Elk is fast becoming a famous summer resort.

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The people all over the country are becoming more interested every day in this lovely valley. Being surrounded by some of the most magnificent scenery found anywhere and possessing almost everything necessary. Many good people from other states and sections of our country are becoming very much interested in this place.

Banner Elk in our opinion surpasses in many respects many other places of note as a summer resort.

Such extremes are not found here, as are found with other places, of greater altitude. The boarding season is much longer; being from early spring to late fall.

Banner Elk has a first class hotel which is owned and run by Mr. R. L. Lowe, who is doing a good business. Mr. Lowe knows well how to entertain his customers. One of the most encouraging features about this hotel is that the regular boarders are people of high toned christian character.

The mercantile business is growing very rapidly under the management of the firms of Mr. L. M. Banner and Bros. and Messrs. Lowe and Stinson who are very kind and accommodating.

The people are always found interested in the cause of education; but can't say whether they will vote the proposed school tax or not. This should be well considered and before we vote against the measure be sure we are right.

Miss Mary Dougherty, of Baker's Gap, Tenn., is teaching in the academy and giving satisfaction, as she always does.

A Miss Morgan, of Statesville, (we believe) is teaching at the lower house and doing well.

In the matter of good roads Banner Elk is waking up; and surpasses almost any section of the county in her effort for good roads. The turnpike company is to be honored for the splendid road it is building from Valle Crucis to Elk Park. So Banner Elk possesses that public spirit and enterprize that but few sections of our county has.

In conclusion we wish to say that after having known this section and its people for the last six or eight years and having mingled with and labored among them to some extent we feel safe in saying that you will find a healthful atmosphere, physically, politically and religiously. And Banner Elk is not that backwoods, outlandish, uncivilized place where you would be in danger of your life, but a place where you may feel that you are safe and in the very best of society.

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## NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree made by the Superior Court of Watauga county in a special procedure entitled, W. L. Horton and others ex parte, I will, as commissioner, sell at the court house door in the town of Boone, on Thursday the 12th day of Aug., 1897, two tracts of land containing respectively 100 and 75 acres, situated near Elk Knob, in North Fork township, being the lands formerly owned by Wm. Horton, embracing the old Nathan Horton and Wm. Miller Sugar Camps. These lands are rich, agricultural and mineral lands. Terms of sale; five per cent cash and balance in six months with interest on deferred payments. This July 7, 1897.

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